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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 8-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6,7,11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. **Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kunii (US 5,654,719) in view of Watters et al. (US 6,230,018 B1).

Regarding **claim(s) 1 and 6**, Kunii discloses a location name server (FIGS. 1a-1c), comprising:

a database (11 on FIG. 1c) for storing peripheral information and location names that have been correlated with each other as a plurality of sets (column 6, lines 25-35);

means for transmitting to an objective terminal unit a request for peripheral information when a location request is received for a name of a location of the objective terminal unit (column 7, lines 11-20);

means for searching the database for the name of the location corresponding to peripheral information received from the objective terminal unit corresponding to the request for the peripheral information (column 8, lines 17-22); and

means for transmitting the name of the location to a transmission source of the location request (column 8, lines 23-26); and

wherein the peripheral information comprises report information that identifies a base station and electric field information measured by the terminal unit (column 8, line 66 to column 9, line 4).

Kunii discloses a radio receiver searching for a location name but fails to disclose a cellular phone searching for a position location.

However, Watters teaches a cellular telephone seeking for its geographical position (FIG. 1 and column 3, lines 29-45).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Kunii using the teaching of cellular telephone as taught by Watters.

This modification of the invention enables the system to have a cellular phone searching for a position location so that the user would reduce errors in the mobile location determination.

Regarding **claim(s) 2 and 7**, Kunii discloses a location name server, further comprising: means for receiving from a registering cellular phone terminal unit a set of

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peripheral information and a location name that have been correlated with each other (column 6, lines 36-53); and

means for registering to the database the received set of peripheral information and a location name that have been correlated with each other (column 6, lines 36-53).

Regarding **claim(s) 11 and 12**, Watters teaches a location name server, wherein the report information comprises communication frequency and color code of a base station (column 12, line 59 to column 13, line 19).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claim(s) 3-5 and 8-10** are allowed.

Response to Arguments


5. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claim(s) 1-12** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539 . The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547 . The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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